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25 Jewish Youth Held After Hate Outburst

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BOSTON—A group of Jewish youth involved in a new series of anti-Semitic outbreaks locally were under arrest this week, though no arrests had been made of any assailants.

The trouble started on the evening of Oct. 26, when a young man reportedly came into the Hecht House, the Jewish Center in Mattapan, and made anti-Semitic remarks when he was asked to leave because he had been drinking.

Five nights later, two youngsters were injured in attacks which occurred near Hecht House.

Milton Siegel, 16, had his nose severely smashed when he was attacked by a gang of 15 youths. Siegel, who required hospitalization, said he was hit with a tire chain.

In the second attack, David Sault, 18, who is not Jewish but was on his way to Hecht House with a Jewish friend, was assaulted by six boys and beaten with a baseball bat.

The only arrests to date in the incidents came last Thursday when 25 Jewish youths were arrested on an affray charge. It was reported that they had sallied forth from Hyde Park to retaliate against a group of hoodlums who had been molesting Jewish boys in Dorchester.

Following a battle that developed, the Jewish boys were arrested. They are scheduled to appear in court Monday.

Benjamin Leve, chairman of the Jewish Community Council's administrative committee, and Jason Silverman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith appeared as counsel for the Jewish boys when they were arraigned before Judge Daniel W. Casey Saturday.

Police Commissioner Thomas F. Sullivan has assigned additional police to the Hecht House area.

Deny Anti-Semitism In Firing Of Two CCNY Jewish Teachers

NEW YORK—Charges that anti-Semitism had been involved in the dismissal of two Jewish teachers from the faculty of the City College of New York were rejected last week in a ruling upholding the dismissals.

Dr. Lewis A. Wilson, N. Y. State Commission of Educator, dismissed appeals for reinstatement of Dr. Lee Lorch, and Dr. Morris Swadesh. Dr. Lorch was formerly a mathematics instructor and Dr. Swadesh an associate professor in the sociology and anthropology department at CCNY.

HAD THE RIGHT
Dr. Wilson held that the N.Y. Board of Higher Education, which gave no reasons for its action in dropping the two teachers in 1948, had acted within its rights.

In dealing with charges of the teachers that anti-Semitism had been one of the factors in their inability to obtain re-appointment to the CCNY faculty, Dr. Wilson reported that the record in the two cases contained "no evidence of racial or religious discrimination."

Dr. Lorch, who had been on the CCNY faculty since Feb. 1, 1946, was dismissed before he reached teaching tenure.

As a tenant of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. Stuyvesant Town housing project, he was active in a drive to get Negroes

admitted as tenants.

MAYBE TOO LIBERAL

When he took a post at Pennsylvania State College, he invited a Negro family to occupy his apartment in Stuyvesant town. The college refused to renew his one-year contract early this year and Dr. Lorch charged that his support of the campaign for Negroes was one of the reasons. He is now an associate professor at Fisk University.

Dr. Swadesh is an authority on the languages of American Indians and had taught at CCNY since early 1948.

Van Passen Writes New Israel Book

NEW YORK—The Dial Press will publish "Jerusalem Calling: The Forces Alive Today That Can Free the World" by Pierre Van Paassen on Nov. 20.

Van Paassen, a famous Christian Zionist, will tell why he believes the New Jewish State can save civilization.

Silver Assails Blaustein For 'Mission' To Israel

Canada Jewry Plan Crisis Meel For Israel

MONTREAL—Canadian Jewry plans to consider a national emergency conference for Israel patterned after the National Planning Conference held last month in Washington, D.C.

The Canadian Jewish Congress, the Zionist Organization of Canada, the Labor Zionists and Mizrahi (religious-Zionist) of Canada met Sunday in Toronto.

The delegates decided to appoint a joint committee to study a proposal for a conference similar to that which endorsed a program to seek to raise one billion dollars from American Jewry in the next three years for Israel.

Samuel Bronfman, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, and honorary president of the Zionist Organization of Canada asked for and accepted appointment as head of the joint committee.

Bus Line Planned To Move Iraq Jews

BAGDAD—A bus service may be set up from Iraq to Israel for Jewish nationals who have registered for departure to Israel, it was reported this week.

The plans were spurred by the fact that a large number of Iraqi Jews who were forced to give up their nationality were forced to remain in Iraq because funds for the airlift are insufficient to move all.

Some 70,000 Jews have indicated their intention to leave the country but are still in Iraq.

JNF Conclave Set For Chicago Nov. 26

CHICAGO (NJP)—The Jewish National Fund Council annual conference here Nov. 26 will hear Irving Miller, president of the American Jewish Congress, and Dr. Mendel Fisher, executive director of the JNF.

The convention, which will be held at the Palmer House, will inaugurate the 50th Golden Jubilee celebration in the Chicago area.

TEL AVIV—The number of polio cases in Israel dipped sharply in September and in the first half of October.

PORTSMOUTH, Va.—Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver this week denounced as "a piece of impertinence" the successful effort of non-Zionist leader Jacob Blaustein in obtaining a statement from Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion on Jewish loyalties.

Dr. Silver made the charge in an address prepared for delivery at the annual convention of the

Seaboard Zionist Region here. It was Dr. Silver's first Zionist speech since his address to the 53rd annual convention of the

Zionist Organization of America in Chicago last July.

The world Zionist described in scathing terms the exchange of statements between Jacob Blaustein, whom he did not mention by name, and Ben-Gurion on Blaustein's second visit to Israel last August.

On that occasion, Ben-Gurion affirmed the proposition that Jews outside of Israel owe political loyalty only to their country. Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, hailed the statement in a talk which included a warning to Israeli Jews that discussions of obligations to Israel of non-Israeli Jews involved allegedly delicate issues.

A SEGMENT

Rabbi Silver described the conversations as "an exchange of respective loyalty avowals between the Prime Minister of Israel and a segmentary representative of certain American Jews—quite in keeping with the loyalty inquisitions now becoming popular in our country."

He said Ben-Gurion had "proclaimed what should be obvious

to all but the most obtuse, that the State of Israel speaks only on behalf of its own citizens, and the other pontificated on what was equally obvious, what the Jews of the United States

have no political attachment to any other country but the United States."

"I wonder why all this was necessary," the famous Zionist leader said. "Who questioned our loyalty, and who was appeased by this exchange of banal reassurances?"

"To me the opinion of the

prime minister was a thing of supererogation and the solicitation of it, a piece of impertinence," Dr. Silver said.

NO TIME TO QUIT

He also assailed the falling away of economic and political support by Zionists for the new state, asserting that "in the pride and exultation of the political triumph, we failed to prepare for the cold, stark realities of the morning after."

Benjamin Browdy, president of the ZOA, told the convention that House Majority leader John W. McCormack and House Minority leader Joseph W. Martin, Jr., had given assurances they would support any action taken by the United States to grant immediate financial aid to Israel.

Browdy repeated his proposal for a grant-of-aid of \$500,000,000 by the United States to Israel as part of its program of aid to democratic nations.

ZOA IN LEAD

He promised that the ZOA would take "a leading part" in implementing the four point program adopted by the National Planning Conference for Israel held in Washington, D.C. last month.

Isador S. Turover, who was unanimously re-elected president of the region, announced that the region will launch a registration in its area to mobilize the industrial and commercial resources of local Jewish communities and to further investment in Israel industries.

Chicago ZOA Sponsors Cultural Program

National Jewish Post
CHICAGO — An all-Chicago Zionist Malaveh Malkah will be sponsored by the Zionist Organization Nov. 18 at the Stevens Hotel. The event will be the first of a series of all-Chicago cultural evenings planned by the ZOC cultural committee, headed by Sidney Letush, ZOC vice president.

Maurice Samuel, noted author and translator will speak on "World Jewry in Transition." One of the features of the evening will be the traditional chanting of the Havdalah and the candle ceremony.



SILVER



BROWDY

London Talking Birds Take Orders in Yiddish, Love Pickled Herring

LONDON—Two tiny talking birds here respond to commands in Yiddish and eat heartily of smoked salmon and pickled herring, disdaining such standard bird food as seeds and lettuce.

The birds are budgerigars, resembling canaries, except that they are both snowy white. They are owned by Mr. and Mrs. Philip Silverstone, according to the Jewish CHRONICLE of London.

The first one, Snowy, was given to the Silverstones as a silver wedding present. Snowy got a lot of care and training, as did his compatriot, Joey, who joined the Silverstone family a year later.

The tricks and monologues of Snowy and Joey were recorded recently by BBC television units and will soon be shown to Britain's television fans.

The CHRONICLE said Jewish viewers will be particularly interested when they see Joey respond to a command in Yiddish from Mrs. Silverstone.

"Gib a fiesel," she says and Joey smartly puts out a leg and clutches her finger.

When the birds talk too much, Mrs. Silverstone says "Schweig," and the birds stop talking. When Joey was a little slow in carrying out an order, such as climbing a ladder or ringing a bell, Mrs. Silver-

stone told him "Sei a Mensch" (Be a person) or "Don't be temperamental, Yossele, now that you're a film star."

Snowy is quite musical. When Mrs. Silverstone plays on the family piano, Snowy sits on the music rest and keeps time by swaying gently back and forth. His favorite piece is the Chopin Scherzo in B flat minor.

In other food tastes, the two birds are truly members of the Jewish people.

"Lockshen soup, they love and on Pesach, matzohs," Mrs. Silverstone said.

FRANK REPORTS FROM ISRAEL

Lowdermilk Plan Far From Dead; New Version Now Being Pushed

By M. Z. FRANK

JERUSALEM—Last night we returned to Jerusalem from a few days trip to the camps and to Haifa. The trip to the camps—Beth Lydd and Ein Shemer—was arranged for us by Dr. Noah Nardi, formerly of New York, who is now Director of Culture. We were driven there by Rose Weinberg of Chicago. Sholom Cohen of Brooklyn joined us.

We saw and talked to Jews from Poland, Rumania, Iraq, Tripoli, Tunis, Yemen and Haban of Haradmaut. The Habani Jews wear long hair; their women paint their faces yellow and wear three or four rings in each ear and many amulets with Hebrew inscriptions. We saw cave-dwelling Jews from North Africa and Persian Jews and Kurdish Jews. I shall have to leave the details for another occasion. I expect to be there again.

As soon as we arrived in Haifa, I got in touch with the Technion.

THE HAIFA TECHNION is my favorite institution. In a way it is a part of my youth. I was a youngster in Russia, when they first began talking about it. I dreamt that some day I would go there and study engineering in Hebrew. I did not become an engineer, in Israel or any other country, in Hebrew or in any other language, but the Technion is there, and when I came to Haifa for the first time in my life, in 1948, I ran there to see the dream in stone and flesh.

In 1913, which is the year I migrated to Canada, the Haifa Technion became the object of a fierce controversy in the Jewish world. Its high school department was about ready to be opened. The leaders of the German-Jewish Hilfsverein der Deutschen Juden (the opposite number of the American Jewish Committee) had gained the confidence and respect of the Zionist leaders (just as the AJCommittee now seems to have done with Premier David Ben-Gurion) and was entrusted with the final completion and opening of the institution. When the time for opening arrived, the President, Jean Simon, decided that the language of instruction should be German and that Hebrew should be kept only for Jewish subjects. (No reflection on Jacob Blaustein intended). Simon argued that you could not use Hebrew for teaching science.

In April, 1948, when I first visited the Technion, I found Dr. Shlomo Kaplansky, a Russian Jew who studied mathematics and engineering in Vienna, and occupied various responsible positions in the Zionist movement. At one time he was Jewish National Fund director for the United States. In 1915, he introduced the JNF tag day in America.

ONE OF THOSE was the late Professor Samuel, whom I had first met in New York where he did a splendid job of enlisting the interest of Jewish scientists in America in behalf of the Technion. With the help of the indefatigable Judah Wattenberg, the American Technion Society was formed, several of whose functions I attended and several of whose publications I read. From time to time I had occasion in this space to hold up the Technion as an example of doing work for Israel by American Jews.

From 1931, the Technion has been under the management of



Canada Jewry Seeks To Establish Links With 75 Families of Newest Province

By BETTY SIGLER

National Jewish Post Correspondent

MONTREAL—(NJP)—The 90 Jewish families of Newfoundland, Canada's newest province, will be visited next week by a representative of the Canadian Jewish community for the fourth time since admission of the new province 19 months ago.

Dr. Samuel Levine of the Canadian Jewish Congress national headquarters staff will leave this weekend to visit the Newfoundland Jewish communities of St. John's and Corner Brook. He will spend a week studying community life and collecting funds for the Combined Jewish Appeal.

During World War II and in 1947 representatives from the Congress went to Newfoundland, then a Crown Colony. This fall the Zionist Organization of Canada sent a representative.

Most of the 90 Jewish families came from

Europe in the 1920's and have had little contact with the rest of Canadian Jewry, according to the Congress.

Community organization was almost nonexistent until 10 years ago and there was considerable intermarriage. Then the 75 families of St. John's, the provincial capital, formed a congregation. They now have a rabbi and a synagogue building, as have the 15 families in the west coast lumber company town of Corner Brook.

Entry into Canada has brought, among other things, an end of prohibitive import duties in the new province. David Rome of the Congress pointed out this will mean greater opportunities for the Newfoundland Jews most of whom are retail merchants.

Congress Probe Of Rebels In Philadelphia Starts Soon

PHILADELPHIA—The much-discussed national administration investigation of rebel elements in the Philadelphia Council of the American Jewish Congress will start Monday.

The Philadelphia Jewish TIMES said that the exact time and place of the inquiry had not been picked.

The investigation will be handled by Prof. Horace Kallen, famous American Jewish educator and philosopher, and a committee of non-Philadelphia Congress members.

ALL QUIET

The TIMES reported that it had been unable to learn anyone connected with the situation who had been asked to appear before the inquiry committee.

The investigation stems from the dismissal of John S. Bernheimer as executive director of the Philadelphia Council last April.

Bernheimer filed suit to block the ouster then withdrew it. The controversy revealed a split in the ranks of Philadelphia Congress members, a group of whom came to Bernheimer's support, they called a public meeting and issued a brochure defending Bernheimer.

The brochure reportedly has been one of the main targets of attention of the administration of the militant pro-Zionist civic defense agency.

Charges against Bernheimer were never filed publicly but in withdrawing his suit, the ousted executive said he was not guilty of charges of malfeasance and dereliction of duty.

SENT QUERIES

The TIMES revealed that last July the national office sent questionnaires to local Congress members who participated in Bernheimer's defense.

A half dozen leading Congress officials were among those who received the questionnaires and it was reported that they will be asked to testify in the hearing.

operation of neighboring countries. Even at that, further details have to be worked out. The plan calls for the construction of a reservoir to hold water in a certain area. No political trouble there, because the area is under Israel control. But you have to find out the nature of the soil. Will it hold the water, or will it let the water seep through, and what do you have to do to prevent seepage or other actions which will defeat the purpose of the plan? Irmay gets soil brought to his laboratory from that section and he tests its weight, its impermeabilization (sealing) and percolation and what not. He bakes cakes out of the soil, and makes sausages, and mixes it and hits it and does all sorts of things to find out what good it is for the purpose of holding water and how you can make it hold the most water.

nical training as an engineer at Liege, Belgium. His immediate superior at the Technion, whom I had the pleasure of meeting, is Prof. Joseph Breuer, head of the department. Irmay's job—of particular interest to us—is the hydraulic laboratory.

Last year, Irmay spent five months in the United States, travelling through 23 states and getting what he terms a wonderful reception from Jews and non-Jews alike, a readiness to offer help to the scientific development of the new state.

I hope that Jewish engineers who read this column will forgive me any mistake I make in technical terminology or in the exact titles. I am discussing this subject as a layman writing for laymen.

I SAID THAT the Lowdermilk plan was of special interest to us. It was conceived and popularized in America. Prof. Lowdermilk's book became the Bible of Zionist and pro-Zionist circles for a time. Under the extremely able guidance of Dr. Emanuel Neumann, a group of engineers, mostly non-Jewish, was engaged in working out the details of the plan. The plan was presented at the hearings of the Anglo-American Palestine Commission. World famous engineers took trips to Palestine, later to Israel. Recently the public seems to have forgotten about the Lowdermilk Plan. But the plan is anything but dead.

The essence of the Lowdermilk Plan is to utilize the waters of Palestine and the adjoining countries for irrigation and electricity. Waters from the Syrian mountains and rivulets, waters from the Mediterranean, waters of the Jordan river. The purpose is to increase the area of fertile land in Palestine.

Now, as long as Syria refuses to be on speaking terms with Israel, and Abdullah, who controls a good part of the Jordan, is afraid to do business with Israel on account of the other Arab countries (or England or the Vatican) the original Lowdermilk Plan cannot be carried out. So you have to modify it to meet the existing boundaries, to be able to carry out at least a good part of the plan without the co-

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Kaplansky was in New York several years ago as the guest of the American Technion Society and I met him then. In April, 1948, in Tel Aviv, we stayed at the same hotel and often had our meals at the same table. Each time I came to Haifa, on my first trip in 1948 and on my second trip in 1949, I went to the Technion and tried to see Kaplansky.

THIS TIME I was told that Dr. Kaplansky had just returned from his vacation in the Galilee and would not be in the office for some time. I telephoned his house and he invited us for kidush the next morning. In the meantime I had a long talk with Professor Irmay and I found out something of interest to American Jews: The Haifa Technion, under special authority given it by the Government of Israel, is working on the famous Lowdermilk plan. Prof. Irmay is in charge.

Shraga Irmay received his high school education at the Herzliya College in Tel Aviv and his tech-

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P.S. Oct. 17. This article, and some more, was returned to me in damaged form. There was an automobile accident at the Lydda airfield. In the meantime I spent two days at Beth Lydd (with Moshe Davis and Sylvia Berger) and saw a lot of other things, including the house where Lowdermilk is to work for the Government.

The settlement of 400 to 500 middle class families in Nathanya is planned in the next two years.

Two Canada Papers Feature Israel Articles

National Jewish Post

MONTREAL—Both the Canadian socialist party (Co-operative Commonwealth Federation) and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce have articles on Israel in the November issues of their monthly magazines.

CANADIAN FORUM, the CCF publication, has an on-the-spot account by Albert A. Shea of conditions in the Jewish state. As a UNESCO employee, Shea was in Israel this year.

The article in CANADIAN BUSINESS, the Chamber of Commerce magazine, deals with Canada's trade relations with Israel and the role of Canadian Jews in building the new state. It was written by the POST's Montreal correspondent, Betty Sigler.

CJFWF Meet To Tackle Billion-Dollar Aid Role

National Jewish Post
NEW YORK—The exact role of local Jewish federations and welfare funds in the billion-dollar program approved at the national conference for Israel aid last week will be threshed out at the 19th annual General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

Stanley C. Myers of Miami, CJFWF president, announced that the convention will be held Dec. 13 at the Hotel Shoreham in Washington, D.C. The CJFWF represents nationally the 300 local federations and funds in the American Jewish community.

DEAL WITH ISSUES

Myers said that community leaders from all parts of the United States and Canada would deal with the problems of 1951 Jewish fund-raising for Israel, and for local, national and overseas causes.

The Assembly was expected to reach decisions on issues at the National Conference, at which the CJFWF was present in the role of a largely silent partner.

Some indication of the position of the CJFWF in relation to the four-point program adopted at the planning conference was seen in Myers' description of the agenda for the assembly.

THE TASKS AHEAD

"The collective actions taken at the General Assembly will focus the sights of our communities on the necessary and vital objectives which must be achieved in 1951," Myers said. "We have world-wide responsibilities, all directly related to the vast task of building Jewish life here and overseas. This indivisibility of need requires that the Jewish communities assess them wisely and properly."

A statement announcing the call to convention said that "first steps in this direction were taken at six CJFWF regional conferences held in various parts of the country during the past two months."

The statement then referred to approval at the regional meetings of a central Israeli fund and budget, "clarifying the relationship of welfare funds to any proposed Israel bond drive, and continuation of efforts to achieve stable and unified national fund-raising."

THE PROGRAM

The National planning conference approved a program calling for expanded United Jewish Appeal campaigning, grants-in-aid to Israel from the American Government, stimulation of private investment in Israel, and full support of a bond drive of the Israel Government in the United States. CJFWF leaders are known to



STANLEY MYERS
Let's Have a Good Look

be disturbed over the lack of detailed information as to the nature of the bonds to be sold, the machinery for sales and the effect on United Jewish Appeal collections.

Myers said the program for the three-day Assembly was being drafted by a special program committee of CJFWF regional presidents and chairman of national committees.

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Mapam Forms Association To Prevent 'Religious Compulsion' In Israel

JOHANNESBURG, So. Africa—The left-wing Mapam, second largest political party in Israel, has formed an Association for the Prevention of Religious Compulsion in the Jewish State.

Formation of the group was disclosed in a bulletin issued in Jerusalem by the Hapoel Hamizrachi (religious Labor Zionists) and reported on in the South African Zionist RECORD.

Plans for setting up the new group followed clashes between representatives of Orthodox Jews in Israel and the secular and anti-religious groups, particularly members of Mapam.

The HH Bulletin was quoted as reporting that "In a confidential circular distributed

among Mapam members, it was stated that a committee has been appointed with the function of founding a recognized association of all those to whom freedom from religion is dear. The circular calls on all sympathizers to capture Jerusalem for civic freedom under the slogan: Wait For the Rights of the Community, and the Individual.

The HH bulletin asserted that the Mapam plans called for a comprehensive organization ready "at all times to perpetrate acts of terror against synagogues and yeshivot. It is also proposed to infiltrate into the religious parties and to hinder their activities."

Yeshiva U Alumni Call Chaplain Meet

National Jewish Post
NEW YORK—To meet military requests for 39 Jewish chaplains by Jan. 1, the Rabbinic Alumni of Yeshiva University this week called an emergency one-day meeting for Nov. 8 to discuss plans for a "self-imposed draft."

Dr. Leon Katz, president of the group, said the proposed draft would affect 500 graduates of the University's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary now in the rabbinate in the United States.

Dr. Katz said that in addition to the call for 39 chaplains by Jan. 1, a total of 110 would be required by next July.

Midwest Center Workers 108,000 Bavaria Jews Have Left Germany

LOUISVILLE — The midwest chapters of the National Association of Jewish Center Workers will meet at 9:45 a. m. Nov. 17, it was announced this week by Aaron S. Schreiber, Louisville, and Leon P. Beck of Chicago.

Schreiber is president of the East Central chapter and Beck is president of the west central chapter.

The conference will be held in conjunction with the midwest regional conference of the National Jewish Welfare Board at the Kentucky Hotel.

MUNICH (WNS)—Over 108,000 Bavarian Jews have left this country since the post-war peak, Dr. Philip Auerbach, provincial Commissioner for Restitution, reported here this week.

About 18,000 Jews now remain in the province, Dr. Auerbach disclosed, with the Bavarian camps and cities almost devoid of Jews.

High schools in Long Beach and Rochester, in New York, have added Hebrew to their curricula this year.

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So. African Ritual Slaughterers Repudiate Communal Control

JOHANNESBURG, So. Africa—A lengthy dispute over higher pay for shoetim (ritual slaughterers) in Johannesburg ended with a deadlock this week in which the shoetim rejected the authority of the communal Schechita Board.

Ritual slaughtering is now being carried on via private arrangements between the kosher wholesale butchers and the slaughterers, with the Jewish community deprived of any control over ritual slaughter, according to the South African Zionist RECORD.

The lengthy negotiations have involved the Board of Jewish Deputies, the Johannesburg Beth Din (rabbinical court) and the Schechita Board, communal supervisory body for shoetim.

The dispute began last January when the shoetim in Johannesburg presented demands to the Schechita Board for an increase in pay. The demands raised the threat that the Jewish community might be without kosher meat if the pay increases were not provided.

Following lengthy discussions, involving all interested communal agencies, it was agreed that the claims for more pay were justified.

The Schechita Board, as employers of the slaughterers, insisted it did not have enough money to grant the increases. That problem was met with an appeal to the Meat Controller for an increase in the price of kosher meat. The request was granted.

The South African Jewish newspaper reported that the boost did not end the dispute because a new dispute broke out immediately as to how much of the increase should go to the Schechita Board and how much to the butchers.

The shoetim ended the impasse by informing the Schechita Board that they would no longer seek their salaries from the board.

Fearing the threat of loss of all Jewish communal control over ritual slaughter, the Schechita Board convened an urgent meeting. Representatives of congregations in Johannesburg and of the Board of Deputies, the Beth Din and the Federation of Synagogues

attended.

The kosher butchers and the shoetim were urged to send representatives but failed to do so.

Chief Rabbi L. I. Rabinowitz reported to the meeting that he had called an urgent meeting of the Wholesale Butchers in a bid to obtain an agreement so that schechita would return to communal control. He added that he had received a letter from the Wholesale Butchers, rejecting his proposals.

The Schechita Board meeting, after hearing the Chief Rabbi's report, adopted a resolution asserting that the delegates could not accept "the present position which has arisen whereby Schechita has become a private arrangement between the butchers and the Shoetim and calls upon both butchers and shoetim to bring this unsatisfactory position to an end."

The resolution also asked that the Board of Deputies convene a meeting of all interested parties to reach a quick understanding to restore community supervision over ritual slaughter.

FIRST DAY SCHOOL ORGANIZED IN WILKES-BARRE, PA., SECTION

WILKES-BARRE, Pa.—The first Jewish all-day school in Pennsylvania's Wyoming Valley has been organized this fall by Congregation Ohav Zedek.

The school, the Ohav Zedek Foundation School, is being housed temporarily in the schoolrooms of the synagogue Hebrew School, Rabbi Ephraim B. Wolf, said.

The new school has an enrollment of more than 60 pupils, attended nursery, kindergarten, pre-primary and first grade classes.

The course in English study follows the curriculum outlined by the Department of Public Instruction of Pennsylvania.

Torah Umesorah, the National Society of Hebrew Day Schools, has been acting as educational consultant.

Richmond To Have First Day School

NEW YORK—Plans were under way this week to organize a Jewish day school in Richmond, the only one of New York City's five boroughs without such a school.

Torah Umesorah, a national society for Hebrew day schools, reported that a Hebrew Kindergarten was organized in September on Staten Island.

Rabbi Leon Machlis, secretary of the (Orthodox) Rabbinical Council of America, was the sparkplug for the organizational effort.

The kindergarten, housed on the premises of Rabbi Machlis' Congregation Agudath Achim, has 15 children enrolled.

Rabbi Machlis said the kindergarten was the first step toward the ultimate objective of a full Hebrew Day School.

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Orthodox Congregations Urge Women Activity

PHILADELPHIA—A region of the Union of Orthodox-Jewish Congregations was on record this week in support of fuller participation by women in synagogue administration.

The stand was approved by the Tri-State regional conference of the UOJC, attended by more than 300 synagogue lay officials and rabbis from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware.

The resolution called on Orthodox congregations to accept women as full members of the congregation, that women be invited to join executive boards and education boards of congregational schools and that affiliated synagogues invite women members to take a more active role in the work of the congregation.

WJC Charges Sabotage Of Justice by Germans

NEW YORK (WNS)—A German campaign to sabotage and ultimately annul restitution claims is now underway, it was charged here by the World Jewish Congress in an appeal to the Allies to look into the matter.

Dr. Israel Goldstein pointed out that German political parties are supporting the opposition of the restitutors and that the German judges, aware of this policy and trends, are becoming less inclined to implement the law. Of all the claims filed from 1947 to 1949, only five per cent have processed in the American zone, too, said. In the British zone, too, restitution is proceeding at a slow pace.

Venezuela has a Jewish population of about 4,000.

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Reform Ritual Guide Before UAHC Conclave

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—The issue of a ritual guide for American Reform is expected to be one of the problems tackled at the 41st Biennial Assembly of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in Cleveland next week.

The convention will open Sunday and end Wednesday. More than 2,000 religious and lay leaders representing more than 420 Reform congregations are expected for the conclave. The UAHC is the congregational arm of the American Reform movement.

Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, UAHC president, said in addition to business sessions, there will be workshop sessions on all phases of congregational life.

Among the workshops will be one in which a former national officer of the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism will be co-chairman. He is Dr. Leon Saks of Cincinnati, who with Alexander Frieder of Cincinnati, will lead a workshop on "What's New in Synagogue Activities?"

Dr. Saks resigned as chairman of the Cincinnati chapter of the Council and as a member of the Council national executive committee last July. He accused the anti-Zionist body of complete failure to produce a positive program on any phase of American Jewish life.

In his president's message, Dr. Eisendrath will trace the growth of the Reform movement and outline a program for the coming two years.

THE WORKSHOPS

Other workshops will include "Jewish Education on the March," Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof of Pittsburgh, and Louis Wellhouse Jr., Tampa, co-chairman; "Our Forgotten Synagogue Youth," Mrs. Jerome L. Salm of Evansville, Ind., Dr. Harold M. Feigenbaum of Troy, co-chairman; "Live



Eisendrath

UAHC Offers \$5,000 Jewish Novel Award

NEW YORK—(NS)—A \$5,000 "Frieder Literary Award" for the best novel on a Jewish theme has been announced by Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, which is sponsoring the competition.

The contest, established by Alexander Frieder in memory of his wife, Corrine R. Frieder, carries a \$5,000 cash award, of which \$3,000 will constitute an outright prize and \$2,000 will be an advance against future royalties. The competition opens November 15, 1950 and extends through Nov. 15, 1951. It is open to amateur and professional writers, and promises publication for the winner.

and Help Live," Robert P. Goldman of Cincinnati, chairman; and "Financing the Modern Synagogue," Philip Meyers of Cincinnati and C. Davis Turner of Dothan, co-chairman.

Another issue before the convention will be that of approval of the placement plan for Reform rabbis, which has received tentative approval from the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Reform rabbinical organization.

SISTERHOODS TOO

Delegates representing the 75,000 members of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods will meet in Cleveland, for the 18th Biennial Assembly, to be held concurrently with the UAHC Biennial.

An extraordinary conference of the CCAR will also meet in Cleveland to discuss a voluntary draft to provide chaplains for the armed forces.

Factories for the manufacture of plastic and plywood products are planned for Nthanya, the seaside resort town north of Tel Aviv.

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Mizrachi Leaders Hit Charges Of Theocracy

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Charges that the Religious Bloc in Israel seeks a theocracy and is willing to wreck the Israel Government in pursuit of such a program were sharply condemned this week at the 30th annual convention of the Mizrahi (religious-Zionist) Organization of America.

Rabbi Wolf Gold, member of the Jewish Agency executive, told the 1,000 delegates that the term "theocracy" does not apply at all to the Religious Bloc program.

Rabbi Gold strongly denied that the Religious Bloc "had any intention whatsoever of imposing their ideas or conceptions of Judaism upon other segments of the Jewish population in Israel."

THE TRUTH

He said that "the truth of the matter is that the religious bloc has been consistently fighting to retain freedom of conscience for religious Jews and to resist any encroachment of non-religious or anti-religious elements upon their freedom."

He said that imputations of theocratic designs were "a grave misunderstanding and erroneous impression of the true desire of Israel's religious Jewish community."

He said that in the main the charges against the Religious Bloc involved its attitude toward religious education, the Sabbath and kashrut, and the importation of kosher meat.

WHAT IS WANTED

He said that in respect to education, the Religious Bloc asked only that observant Israeli Jewish parents be free to provide a traditional Jewish education for their children and for orphans of similar devout parents.

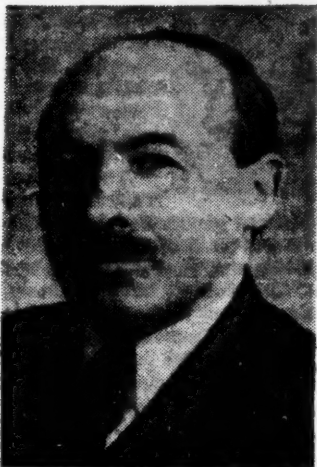
He asked that the Jewish Sabbath should be officially and lawfully recognized as a day of rest for the entire Israeli Jewish population, which it now is not.

He said the Religious Bloc wanted importation of kosher meat only on grounds that importation of non-kosher meats constituted discrimination against religious Jews and denied them equality of opportunity in access to meat supplies.

ANOTHER DEFENDER

Much the same position was taken by Dr. Pinkhos Churgin, who was re-elected president.

Dr. Churgin said that it did not aid Israel's cause, in the recent Israel crisis, "when, because of party purposes, an effort is made to create a grotesque impression that the religious groups in Israel are so hell-bent on winning concessions for their religious principles that they will even risk



DR. PINKHOS CHURGIN
Nobody Wants Theocracy

wrecking the Government and reducing to shambles the end product of their 2,000 years of yearning."

Dr. Churgin fired a heavy blast at the recent exchange of Jewish loyalty statements between Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and Jacob Blaustein, president of the non-Zionist American Jewish Committee.

Dr. Churgin interpreted the statements as an attempt to separate non-Israeli Jews from Israeli Jews in the joint task of state-building.

NOT FOR ZIONISTS

"Perhaps this approach is suitable for the Government in its dealings with Jews who flirt with assimilation, but religious Jews and Zionists will under no circumstances countenance their being forcibly isolated from Israel, nor will they ever assent to the severance of their eternal spiritual ties with Israel," the U.S. Mizrahi leader said.

Denouncing this "thoughtless and empty conception," Dr. Churgin said there was "no power in existence which can dictate the feelings and associations of the Jewish people for the land of their history."

He also hit at the reduction of contributions to Israel by American Jews who are "siphoning off funds" for local needs which he said were "not as urgent and compelling."

STOP THREE YEARS

He asked all U.S. Jewish com-

100 Americans Among Hebrew U. 1951 Class

NEW YORK—About 100 Americans will be included in the student body of Hebrew University when classes start Nov. 12, it was revealed this week.

Samuel Hausman, executive president of University-Institute-Technion, the newly-formed central organization for three U.S. Jewish organizations supporting higher education in Israel made the report.

munities to declare a three-year moratorium on all new communal undertakings. He listed specifically the building of community centers, hospitals and similar institutions. He exempted religious and educational institutions.

A budget of \$2,000,000, the largest in the U.S. Mizrahi movement history, was adopted by delegates for the coming year.

Other officers elected were Samuel Sar of New York and Dr. Manuel Laderman of Denver, vice presidents; Rabbi Max Kirshblum, reelected as executive vice president; Samuel S. Spar of Jamaica, executive secretary, Israel Berman of Brooklyn, treasurer and Nathan Levine of Brooklyn, co-treasurer.

Steel wool for local use and for export will be produced by a new factory now being built near Tel Aviv by American and Israel investors.

GOP Jewish Campaign Unit Rejected By Penna. Party

PHILADELPHIA—Sharp protests by the Philadelphia Jewish Community Repations Council brought a disavowal last week by the Republican State Committee of Pennsylvania of a "State Republican Jewish Campaign Committee."

The development of the controversy in Philadelphia was one of the few cases in the campaign preceding last Tuesday's elections involving the Jewish group.

The Republican State Committee informed the JCRC that it "does not have nor will it tolerate religious campaign committees." The JCRC had denounced the "Jewish campaign committee" as a violation of the JCRC "Statement of Principles to Govern Conduct of Political Campaigns."

The report on the development by the JCRC was not entirely clear. Publication of reports of the "Jewish" campaign committee, headed by Clarence M. Freedman of Philadelphia, was termed an "unfortunate error" by Kenneth F. Kressler, director of campaign headquarters of the Republican State Committee.

"The whole matter was an unfortunate error and we deeply regret its happening," Kressler said. "The committee in question has many men of other faiths serving. The Republican State Committee does not have nor will it tolerate religious committees such as Catholic or Protestant committees, etc., and never will."

It appeared that a committee with that name apparently had been set up by local Jewish Republicans with the understanding and presumably approval of the Republican State Committee but that was not made clear in the JCRC statement.

Freedman, as the reported chairman, and others listed as members of the Jewish campaign committee also informed the JCRC that they approved the "Statement of Principles" and would not participate in any political campaign committee set up on racial, religious or nationality lines.

Leon I. Mesirov, JCRC president, said that several attempts had been made in the past to appeal to members of the Jewish community on the basis of their religion. He said that in each case, the JCRC had been successful in ending such efforts.

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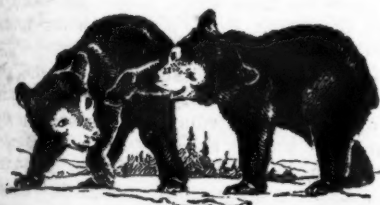
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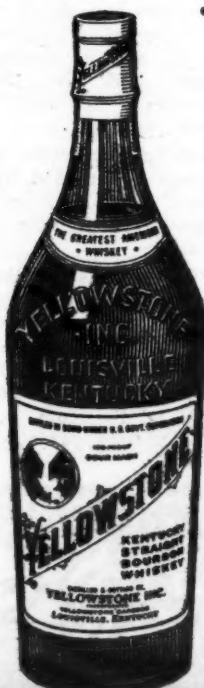
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NAMES IN THE NEWS

McDONALD HASN'T QUIT AS ENVOY
BUT WHY TWO MONTHS VISIT IN U.S.?

THE MYSTERY of whether James G. McDonald resigned as the first American ambassador to Israel was partly solved when McDonald sailed from New York for Israel last week. The departure ended a two-months stay for the famous Christian Zionist in the United States which had brought rumors not only that he had resigned but that he had accepted a speaking post with a national organization. The official Washington report was that he had spent the two months with his State Department superiors discussing American-Israeli relations but few sources in the capital were willing to accept that version.

The New Slant

A noted Conservative authority on Jewish Law stepped into the debate about mixed pews this week. Rabbi JACOB B. AGUS, now spiritual leader of the newly-formed Beth-El congregation in Baltimore, took up the issue in his congregation bulletin. Arguing that the point was not a legalistic but a practical one, Rabbi Agus said that the issue was which policy was likely to make for greater concentration and better decorum during the services. He added that the answer was now "clear, unequivocal, proven by a generation of experience." The answer: "The congregations which have intro-



AGUS

The Special Tribute

For REUBEN GOLD, a 20-year-old student at the University of Illinois and a product of a specialized Chicago Jewish education as a child, a recent message of praise was sweet indeed. Subject of the letter was Gold's studies in viscosity described as "the most outstanding piece of work I have encountered to date on the subject." Source of the praise was physicist ALBERT EINSTEIN, who was so impressed that he indicated the hope of establishing a personal relationship with the young scientist.



EINSTEIN

The Maiden Effort

When ELIAHU ELATH, well remembered in this country as Israel's first ambassador, appeared at a reception in his honor staged by the Zionist Federation at Dorchester, England, he failed to practice what he had preached immediately before the non-practice, but nobody minded. Elath said that "a diplomat should refrain from making speeches, even if they are good ones," in replying to introduct-



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SUNDAY, NOV. 12—A roundtable on "Religion Confronts the Problems of the 20th Century World," originating from the opening session of the 41st General Assembly of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in Cleveland, on the "Message of Israel" program, 10 a.m., EST. ABC.

FRIDAY, NOV. 17—Rabbi Jay Robert Brickman of Temple Israel of Staten Island, speaking on "Another Man's Faith," third in a series of four sermons presented under auspices of the Synagogue Council of America, on the "Faith in Our Times" program, 10:15 a.m. EST, Mutual.

ory remarks. He promptly went ahead to make a speech which hardened Zionist listeners applauded as a very good one.

With the Rabbis

Rabbi PAUL R. SIEGEL was installed last week as spiritual leader and executive director of the Belmont-Watertown Jewish Community Center, Mass. The installation was held at the Temple Israel Meeting House in Boston.

Rabbi BERT A. KLEIN has been named first full-time spiritual leader of Temple Israel in Hull, Mass.

Rabbi HERMAN J. ZWILLENBERG of the Flushing Jewish Center and Miss Edith Lee Schackner will be married on the afternoon of Thanksgiving day at the Park Manor in Brooklyn.

Rabbi SIMCHA H. GORDON has been elected spiritual leader of Congregation Adas Israel and Mishnays in Newark, N. J.

Central States ZOA
To Meet In Omaha

OMAHA, Neb.—Dr. Joseph Dunner, president of the Central States Zionist Region, and Abe Redelheim, national ZOA vice president, will be among the principal speakers at the second annual conference of the region.

Ezekiel Leikin, executive director, said the conference will be held at the Jewish Community Center here Nov. 18 and 19.

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REPORT FROM HOLLYWOOD

LEVIN-MENUHIN FILM ON ISRAEL
WILL BE PRODUCED BY NOVELIST

By SIMON WINCEMBERG

THE Meyer Levin-Yehudi Menuhin film project, which is to go before the cameras in Israel sometime this spring, has reached the stage of preparation where mimeographed copies of a comprehensive screen treatment are ready for circulation, to aid author-producer Levin in getting the necessary commercial arrangements completed.

In a foreword to the script, Levin places the film's budget at somewhere in the vicinity of \$400,000, which includes the cost of one additional male American star. All other actors are to be Israeli. Since most of the film is to be shot at actual locations, almost no part of the budget will need to go towards the construction of sets.

The story, as yet untitled, is based loosely on "Yehuda," Levin's 20-year old novel. It deals with a brilliant young violinist, whose parents had given all their wealth to a gentile farmer, to assure their son's survival in a primitive underground cave during the Nazi occupation of their country.

The violinist later winds up in Israel where, as a member of an embattled kibbutz, he is able to resume his music, and is discovered by Leonard Bernstein. I have not had a chance to read the entire script, but my impression is that one of its major conflicts is between the violinist's loyalty to his kibbutz, and a feeling of consecration toward his music. All this takes place against a background of the Arab invasion of Israel, and the struggle to keep the Jerusalem lifeline open.

EARLIER THIS YEAR, Levin had tried to interest Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and some of the other big Hollywood studios in making the film, but then, in view of Menuhin's enthusiasm for the project, decided to do it independently. Menuhin, in fact, has delayed arrangements for several concert tours this spring, in order not to conflict with Levin's shooting plans.

One of the local recipients of the Levin script is Alan Marcus who, on his way to Israel for MGM last winter, spent some time with Levin in Paris. Together, they went to a private showing of a motion picture aficionado. The discussion period, which followed the screening, pointed up certain crudities of the film in Levin's last film, "The Illegals," at a cinema club, before an audience to cutting and pace. But the audience was impressed most of all by the film's honesty and earnestness, and the powerful impact of such scenes as the documentary record of the manner in which an immigrant ship was boarded by the British.

Due to an unfortunate distribution set-up, a wide showing or appreciation of "The Illegals," in the United States has not yet been possible.

THE daily papers and the wire services, for some reason or other, have chosen to concentrate on George Jessel's eulogy for Al Jolson. Considerably more interesting and penetrating, however, was Dr. Max Nussbaum's brief analysis at the same service of what he rated Jolson's uniquely endearing quality.

"Whatever he was came to him from his father," Rabbi Nussbaum said. "It is from Rabbi Yoelson that he received the form and the content of singing. When you listened to any of his songs, you noticed the half and quarter tones, the sigh and the sob, the sudden inflection of the voice and the unexpected twist—all these are elements that come out from the cantorial singing of our people. Listen to his Kol Nidre recording, the last Jewish record he made, and you will discover how much of it is in each of the songs he made so famous. In addition to this form and style, he inherited the quality of putting his all into every song he sang, imparting a humaneness of depth, opening the channels of human hopes, yearnings and aspirations, and with all this, such potency that it touched the very foundations of the human heart. This is why the response of millions to his musical denitions was unparalleled in the history of our generation..."

SOUTH BEND JEWRY BATTLE
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

National Jewish Post
SOUTH BEND, Ind.—The Jewish Community Council of South Bend urged Jewish parents this week not to enroll their children in courses in religious education in local public schools.

"Courses in religious education have again been introduced in the 4th and 5th grades of the South Bend public schools under auspices of the Council of Churches," the JCC informed Jewish parents.

Parents were reminded of U.S. Supreme Court and Indiana Attorney General rulings that such courses violate the U.S. Constitution.

"We do not believe that a practice which violates constitutional provisions providing for separation of church and state should be extended our support or cooperation," the JCC declared.

"It is therefore our recommendation to parents concerned William A. Orentlicher.



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WOMEN'S VIEWPOINT

A VACATION FOR A COLUMNIST SOMETIMES IS, MORE USUALLY ISN'T

By HELEN COHEN

I MAY as well tell you right off, I've been on a visit back home after four years. When my better half informed me some weeks ago that he was driving down past my home town to Miami for a two-week business trip and I might just as well come along, I arranged to have the three big ones remain so as not to miss school—and I went.

I did make a little hay under the Florida sun; talked some of my aunts into contributing a recipe or two, which will be included in future POST food columns, but there were two particular recipes which my mother worked out while I was there which I want to tell you about this week. You'll find the two recipes, as well as another of my mother's contributions, in this week's food department on this page.

Both are dishes which we enjoyed many times at home, prepared from the dry ingredients, but which we find taste just as wonderful using the canned (and more quickly prepared) foods. One is Schvama—or if you prefer the English name—Mushroom Sauce. I was told that the dried mushrooms, which my grand-mother used to send from New York, came from Czechoslovakia and are no longer available.

The other dish is Tzimmes N'hit or Carbanzos and Rice. And as I said before, using the canned mushrooms and carbanzos, easily obtained all over the country, didn't impair the taste of these two old favorites.

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CONTRAST.

A The young granddaughter was brought up, as were many of her generation, to believe that the kitchen was the domain of the hired help. And so she reached maturity and marriage and settled down to domesticity with the aid of a "perfect jewel of a cook." All went smoothly, until the day came that, pregnant and indisposed, she had to face the fact that the cook was about to leave. She had little recourse but to appeal to her mother to come to her rescue.

Her grandmother, on the other hand, could be said to have gloried in her role as cook. Wonderfully skilled at preparing food, it would have been hard to find anyone more versatile with a pot and pan.

AND THE GRANDMOTHER never let up. As the story was told to me, in her last illness, divining that her time was at hand, she went into the kitchen to prepare her last meal.

When her husband asked her why on a week day she had cooked such a large roast, usually reserved for Shabbas, she replied that she wanted to be sure that he would have something to eat.

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IT IS well known that the Jewish subjects of Pharaoh had quite a bit to do with the building of the pyramids but I was unaware until I read of it in "Readers Digest" that our co-religionists comprised much of the construction gang that was responsible for Rome's colossal Coliseum.

J. P. McEvoy relates that guides "will tell you it was built in four years with the aid of 12,000 Jewish captives brought to Rome by Titus after he had conquered and destroyed Jerusalem."

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YOU may have read of the survey made with the aid of French and Belgian women by Belgian social scientist Dr. Marc Lalval, in which the replies showed shocking disregard not only of marriage "as it is presently constituted" but of religion as well—"a total of 56.5 per cent considered religion superfluous."

Of course, more than 40 per cent of the women didn't express themselves as opposed to religion. But the total effect is not to be minimized. I has more and more been the woman who kept religion alive in the European family.

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AS a last futile stab for freedom before the opening of school, our children considered taking up residence on a South Sea Island. After reading a news dispatch from Darwin, Australia, I'm not so unfavorably inclined toward the idea, myself.

The native children there present themselves at school each morning in their birthday suits. Their white teachers, in this section of northern Australia, then proceed to "give them a shower, make them brush their teeth and help them don school uniforms."

After school, the students strip back to nudity and head for home.

SMART AUSTRALIAN MOTHERS. Not only do they turn over their small fry to the school system as we do, but they have also relinquished bathing and tooth-brushing supervision as well. And what about the uniforms? Who washes them? If teacher, then mama's laundry is down to nothing per week.

And they talk about the advantages of civilization.



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Karrakis Silberherz

S. Karrakis writes:

My father started me on the trail of our family name, as coming from Old Testament numbers down through to Karaites, David Ben David and the Karoinum, whose synagogue my youngest brother, an Air Corps Major, visited in Jerusalem during World War II.

The caretaker of the synagogue told him our tracings were correct. Karrakis was derived as given above. My brother was the first Karaite-American born ever to visit that ancestral shrine; so the caretaker, nine generations there, told him. He would accept no gratuities. He said any Karoinum was welcome to live above synagogue, quite a development. How would you say the name originated? We are tall, blond, independent in character, non-Hebraic features, yet spiritually, very definitely Jewish, adhere to the Pentateuch of old times. Yet the Jews, Orthodox, consider us outcasts.



KARRAKIS is the name of the fifth month of the Karaite calendar. It corresponds to the Hebrew month of AB, in which an early ancestor of the family was probably born. Hence the family name. The Karaites are an extremely interesting Jewish sect concentrated in the Crimea, in Poland and in Lithuania. They ignore Talmudic law and live by the precepts of the Old Testament which they interpret in a very severe way. They still speak a Tartar idiom which they acquire in the Crimea many centuries ago. Their customs are startlingly different from those of the other Jews, or Rabbanites as they call them. Unfortunately, there are only a few thousands Karaites left.

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Dr. I. J. Fellner, 411 7th St. N. W., Mason City, Iowa, writes: Would you kindly tell me the origin of my wife's maiden name SILBERHERZ? She was born in the town of Peczenizyn, Galicia

SILBERHERZ is a trade name adopted by a silversmith. The correct spelling was originally Silbererz, meaning Silver Ore and indicates that the silversmith in question did his own refining of the metal by separating the ore from the adhesive lead or copper, in a home-made crucible. Jews in

What Foods These Morsels Be

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SCHVAMA—OR MUSHROOM SAUCE

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| 1 small can mushrooms | 2 tblsp. flour |
| 1 onion | ½ cup water |
| 1 tblsp. butter | salt and pepper |

Saute cut-up onion in butter until golden brown. Add cut-up mushrooms with liquid from can, plus can of water. Mix flour in ½ cup water until smooth and add to mixture. Season and cook about 15 minutes, stirring until it thickens. Serve on toast, if you prefer.

TZIMMES N'HIT—OR CARBANZOS AND RICE

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| 1 can carbanzos | 1 cup washed rice |
| 1½ cans water | ½ cup honey or sugar |
| 2 tblsp. chicken fat | ½ tsp. salt |

Simmer together, covered, on low flame about 1 hour. If you plan to serve as milchik, substitute butter for chicken fat.

MOCK CHOPPED LIVER—PREPARED WITH GREEN BEANS

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| 1 lb. cooked green beans | 1 onion sauted in butter |
| 2 hard eggs | seasoning |

Chop together well and season to taste. Serve on lettuce garnished with tomatoes and sliced egg or other vegetables. Good way to prepare left over beans.

U. S. Firm Chooses Israel Over Egypt

TEL AVIV—Because Israel has a much higher scientific standard and trained personnel available, the Plough Sales Corp., manufacturers of pharmaceuticals, has decided to open a branch in Petach Tikvah rather than Cairo, according to advance notices issued by Matalon Brothers of Tel viv, the Israel partners. The factory will supply the Middle Eastern countries, including India, Persia and Turkey.

The Plough Co. is investing \$150,000 in the venture, and Matalon Bros. are putting up the building on 3500 square metres of land they purchased on the Petach Tikvah road. The enterprise will be directed by an American manager and an Israel technician.

Christian—Jewish Meet Slated For New York

NEW YORK (WNS)—The 22nd annual meeting of the National Conference of Christians and Jews will be held in Washington from November 9 through 11, it was announced here by Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, president of the interfaith group.

The Washington sessions will discuss an educational program "in intergroup understanding and team-work throughout the free world." Secretary of State Dean Acheson will deliver the opening address and a message by President Truman will highlight the closing meeting.

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Was Canton's Action Warranted?

THE action of the Canton (Ohio) Jewish Federation in withholding allocations to the civic defense agencies—the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the Jewish Labor Committee—is the first eruption of this kind in several months or more.

A year or two ago a week rarely passed without the charge, from one source or another, that the agencies were wasting funds, were duplicating one another's work, and were engaged in expensive competition.

The fact that there is less public attention to this situation currently is not an indication that there has been notable improvement. Yet it would not be fair to contend that there has not been some coordination and some elimination of petty competition.

The National Community Relations Advisory Council was set up by the defunct American Jewish Conference to achieve cooperation in the civic defense field. The NCRAC has a great deal to its credit, although not too much in the area of problems for which it was created. The POST has often been critical of the NCRAC because of that fact and it may be that for this reason, the POST has failed to recognize the achievements of the NCRAC in another, and almost equally important, direction.

The NCRAC is made up of professional workers in the field, plus the representatives of some 15-odd Jewish communities. Through the meetings of the NCRAC, common questions in the Jewish community are discussed and one agency has a chance not only to hear what another agency thinks on a given issue, but also

the views of the agencies may be challenged by the representatives of the communities. This is a healthy process. The NCRAC leadership deserves credit for being able to direct the organization so that—balked in its primary objective—it has been able to effect this important exchange and clash of opinions.

In other words, much has been achieved in one area, but very little in another.

Before the NCRAC was set up, the four civic defense agencies rarely conferred with one another. Even now they do so too infrequently and one agency learns what another agency is planning, when the latter organization launches a new project, rather than before.

The scientific survey projected by the Big Cities Conference of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds together with the NCRAC may bring about some coordination but the survey is just getting underway and any opinion more positive than that it "may have" some effect would be unwarranted at this time.

The defense agencies operate with budgets totalling millions of dollars annually. There is very little reason why the four agencies shouldn't work with each other all the time. They are not the masters of the American Jewish community; they are its servants.

The Canton Federation is well within its rights in the action it has taken. As this editorial indicates, there is much room for improvement. Considerable progress has been made but the charge by the Canton Federation of continued duplication and competition still is warranted.

Needed: A National Jewish Forum

THERE is no greater need in the American Jewish Community than a forum where thinkers in the Jewish field can exchange views on the pressing problems facing the group.

Up until this time, such a forum has been possible in the last decade only through the defunct American Jewish Conference.

Last year, the American Jewish Congress must have attempted exactly such a forum as The POST has in mind when that agency called together some 50 Jewish leaders for a completely non-publicized conference at a resort center near New York.

In the general community where such forums are numerous, the need for them is not nearly so urgent. Views expressed in the general community on public issues are expressed and challenged not only through the press and on the radio but in a number of regular forums, the chief of which is that conducted by the N. Y. HERALD-TRIBUNE.

In the Jewish group, no such facilities are available. There is no independent national Jewish press and of course no place on the

radio for expressing and reflecting Jewish public opinion. The national conventions of Jewish organizations express only the views of those organizations, although the general assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds provides the closest approach to the kind of a forum The POST has in mind.

Here then is an opportunity for a Jewish leader who has the welfare of his people at heart.

Let him establish a fund which will set up and continue such a forum. This forum should be headed by a representative group of trustees made up of Jewish thinkers. Such an endowed forum would not only draw an audience which would start the process of creating a Jewish public opinion, but also through the mails and other media the views expressed by the forum speakers would be broadcast generally to the Jewish community at large.

Millions of dollars are spent annually in the American Jewish community. Are there not a few hundred thousand dollars which might be devoted to insuring that the millions are spent wisely and creatively?

We Aren't Losing Our Sense Of Balance

IN THE American Jewish group today there are those who are concerned with the intensity and the urgency of the activity of the Jewish community.

They are disturbed by the cry for more Jewish day schools, they see a lack of balance in the overwhelming importance given to strictly Jewish activity and they feel that Jews are returning to a ghetto in the United States even if it is a self-imposed ghetto.

What these people fail to realize is that all this is simply group self-defense, and in time that the urgency will even itself into a steady and more nearly natural interest and pace of activity for Jewish causes.

The group as a whole, without articulating the idea, has come to realize that it was close to self-destruction, to total disappearance in the United States. The present heightened activity is a response to make up for that near catastrophe. The excitement and pressure of today may be one-sided but so was the indifference

and disdain for things Jewish before 1933.

The period we are going through at present is a healthy sign of Jewish inner strength. Assimilation crept up on us so slowly that almost none recognized it even while it was eating away at the very foundations of the Jewish community. The process had already engulfed large portions of the Jewish community and it had also swallowed a great many of our Jewish institutions.

Today we suffer because of the failure of these Jewish institutions but our children will benefit from the reinvigorated and reconstructed Jewish life in the United States which will begin to flourish in their day when much of the dead wood of the present has been cleared away.

When that day comes, when the Jewish group in the United States is sure of itself, then will Jews resume their places in all facets of general life of the community.

THE EDITORS CHAIR

I MISSED MY first major Jewish conference in years last week—the planning conference in Washington. I didn't realize what it meant to be on the outside of a significant Jewish development until I heard two reports on the conference.

With Rabbi Leon Kronish, I attended the meeting of the Board of Governors of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation. There I heard two inspired reports, one by Harry Sirkin, and the other by Bess Glasser. These reports may have been a little less detailed than the one in The POST but they certainly carried the spirit of the meeting. Both speakers came away enthusiastic and confident, confident that the U.S. Jewish community could provide the necessary funds.

Stanley Myers told me that Abba Eban's closing summation Sunday evoked 15 minutes of applause from the 1,200 delegates. This I find hard to believe, but it shows the tremendous effect of the conference on the community leaders.

I enjoyed the Board of Governors meeting. Herb Scher was in the chair. His family goes back to Louisville (his wife is a Berman) and I've known him for years and Mrs. Scher for longer. Herb conducted a democratic meeting and Morris Klass, the executive of the federation, guided the meeting skillfully to give a clear picture of the problems facing Jewry today.

I could find fault only with the amount of territory he covered, which did not allow the board a chance to discuss any of the many issues he touched on and since the board meets only about eight times a year, it seems to me most of the problems are settled in the executive and not by the board.

Morris for instance told of the formation of new congregations in the past few months. This he called a problem, pointing out that the facilities of the present synagogues are not now being fully employed. But there was no discussion on the matter.

Miami embodies the success stories of hundreds of men. And one of them you know about from my accounts of my previous trips here selling advertising to the hotels. He's Shepherd Broad. Shep could by now have been a leading U.S. Zionist. He is

president of Rabbi Kronish's remarkable Beth Shalom congregation; is connected with two new banks and a large national insurance company; has led in the development of a whole island down here—Bar Harbor—and in July, 1951, a causeway he is building to Miami Beach will be opened. Shep is trying hard to blaze new trails in Jewish living for his congregation and while I ought to be out on Collins Avenue getting insulted by hotel owners and managers who find sadistic delight in what seems to me to be unnecessary unpleasantness, I am arguing with Shep and his brilliant wife, Ruth, over the needs of the Jewish group.

Not all the hotel owners are nasty, taking out on me the bitterness they must store up during the winter from their guests. Every once in a while you run into Jerry Sussman, who reads The POST and who is single-handedly, it seems to me, building a new congregation on the beach.

So I have come to hate this annual trip, although it is relieved by visits with by this time some good old friends like Rabbi Murray Grauer and Cantor Sam Kelemer and some new friends like Ben Zion Ginsburg (his son sells subs for us and he advertises regularly) and Rabbi Morris Skop and Ed Winger and Al Stone and many others.

You readers could transform this annual trip into a vacation (I haven't been on the beach all week). For instance, we will carry an ad this year from Joe Rose at the Royal Palms. Someone who stayed there last year wrote him a letter about The POST, telling him how much he and his friends enjoyed the paper and how widely it is circulated. That one letter did the trick. How many of you, reading this "chair," will take pen in hand and drop a short letter to the manager of the hotel where you stayed last year. I'd do it for you if I were the rich guest and you were the publisher.

Stanley Myers is always most helpful, as is Fred Shochet, my favorite Anglo-Jewish publisher. Fred's Jewish FLORIDIAN is read by everyone and Fred is the darling of the community. Fred and I get along. He helps me and I try to help him, and (Continued on Next Page)

Portion of the Week

TOLDOTH

PARSHAS Toldoth. Gen. 25, 19-29, 9; Rosh Chodesh; Num. 28: 1-15; Haphtarah Mal. 1, 1-2, 7. Isaac and Rebecca had twin sons Esau and Jacob, symbolic of the two nations that would emerge. Since there was the family prophecy that one brother would be serving the other, Jacob, the second born, thought to divert his fate by acquiring the right of the first born through subterfuge. Later on, when Jacob wanted to become recognized as the first born, the heir, through the official blessing of his father Isaac, his mother helped him to deceive the blind Isaac. This was the seed of enmity between the two brothers, especially since Isaac in his blessing to Esau pronounced that he should live by the sword and serve his brother. In the opening words of the Hapthara is a reference to Esau and the rejection that his descendants felt and the desolation that they had suffered. Malachi, the last Prophet of the Bible, preaches the reality of the Unseen and gives eternal expression to the bro-

therhood of man. "Have we not all one father, hath not one God created us all? Why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother?" These words have endeared the prophet to every human heart.

—Rabbi Frank Rosenthal

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NJP CRITICISM OF PITTSBURGH NOT JUSTIFIED, SAYS SURVEY HEAD

Editor, National Jewish Post:

Will you allow me, as one who directed the Community Self-Study of Jewish Education in Pittsburgh, to comment on the editorial, "Is the Situation in Pittsburgh Local Only," which appeared in The Post of October 20, 1950?

The caption of the editorial suggested a discussion of the wider, national implications of the Pittsburgh study. The body of the editorial, however, is almost exclusively devoted to an uncalled-for attack on the community. I am no apologist for Pittsburgh, yet I feel that the censure was undeserved. If anything, the Pittsburgh Jewish community deserves credit and admiration for the resolution and courage with which it is pursuing its self-study and self-criticism sparing nothing and no one in the process. It should be understandable that in the process of self-criticism emphasis is placed on the weaknesses and/or defects in the educational system, on the areas in which a great deal of correction and improvement is needed. Anything less would not be self-study, but self-deception. This is particularly true when it is realized that a major aim of the study is to focus the attention and interest of the community on the need to organize the schools on a sound basis.

Departing from the text taken in his caption, the editorial writer commiserates with "those who are fighting a tough battle to convince Jewish parents that they owe it to their children to send them to Jewish schools." Yet the fact is that the proportion of Jewish children attending Jewish schools in Pittsburgh is in the neighborhood of 70 per cent, a ratio probably unmatched in the entire country.

Pittsburgh has won its battle with the parents. The battle Pittsburgh faces is the battle all

Jewish communities face; namely that of raising the standards of the schools, finding ample means for financing them, and developing a curriculum or curricula, which should be based on the classical and modern Jewish sources and which should be effective in terms of the whole-some growth of the child and his integration in the Jewish and general community. And last but not least, the need of creating a cadre of Jewish teachers who possess general culture, Jewish learning and idealism. And if Pittsburgh has not many such teachers the fault is not that of Pittsburgh. The cry for competent Jewish teachers is not heard in Pittsburgh alone. One hears it all over, in smaller and larger communities. It is the Achilles' heel of Jewish education. It is sad to admit, but it is true, few Jewish men and women of integrity, ability, intelligence, and who are devoted to the higher (but less lucrative) values in life, are drawn to the Jewish teaching profession. Last year all the Jewish teachers seminaries in the country graduated less than 120 teachers, less than the number required to replace those who drop out during the year from the profession because of various reasons. As you see there is a big job to do—and Pittsburgh could not do it alone, and even larger communities have not succeeded in doing it alone. It is a job for which the spiritual and material resources of the American Jewish Community will have to be mobilized.

It was this reason, parenthetically, that motivated the calling of the first National Conference on Jewish Education for Jan. 13.

U. Z. ENGELMAN
Director, Department of Research
American Ass'n for Jewish Education.

New York

CHICAGO CONGRESS SAYS RESOLUTION ON ZOA, AJCOMMITTEE NOT PASSED

Editor, National Jewish Post:

In what was otherwise a generally commendable report by your Chicago correspondent, Asher Birnbaum, on the recently concluded 16th annual convention of the Chicago Division of the American Jewish Congress on Page one of your October 27th issue, a rather serious error is to be found.

The opening of the story, and the headline over it, centered around a resolution on non-interference in the internal affairs of Israel by both Zionist and non-Zionist groups.

Mr. Birnbaum states that "the convention adopted" this resolution. As a matter of record, after considerable debate, accurately reported by Mr. Birnbaum, the resolution was not adopted but was referred for further consideration to the first meeting of the incoming Administrative Committee of the Chicago Division of AJ Congress.

As a result, prominence in the article was given to a matter which was not finally decided upon at the Convention at all. In view of the nation-wide implications of the contents of this proposed resolution, we request you to correct this error in an early edition and to indicate that while the matter was discussed

at the convention, the resolution itself was tabled.

MAX A. KOPSTEIN, Chairman
16th Annual Convention
Chicago Division
American Jewish Congress

Our Reporter Replies:

I sat through the entire convention and tried to follow the activities closely. It is possible that I missed the motion referring the resolution to the national executive and I express my sincere apologies for this slip in reporting.

ASHER BIRNBAUM
Chicago

Israel Grove Planned For Daniel Frisch

NEW YORK—A forest will be planted in Israel in memory of Daniel Frisch, the first president of the Zionist Organization of America to die in office.

Announcement of plans for the forest was made by Dr. Jacob I. Steinberg, national president of B'nai Zion, fraternal order of the ZOA. The forest will have an initial planting of 10,000 trees next spring. Funds will be raised at the annual Order Day Dinner of B'nai Zion Feb. 11 in New York.

The Editor's Chair

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we enjoy each other's company.

Miami Jewry has grown so rapidly (Morris Klass said there were 7,000 Jews in permanent residence when he came in 1941, and more than 40,000 now) that it has not had the 100 years to develop community life as have most American Jewish communities. In addition, of course, every year for about three months, Miami Beach is swollen to more than 200,000 Jews. Another item is that these 200,000 Jews come here not to create but to play. So you see the problem. It is epitomized by Rabbi Kronish's and Rabbi Irving Lehrman's remarkable growth. They graduated together at the Jewish Institute of Religion (now joined with the Hebrew Union College as HUC-JIR). Rabbi Lehrman came here first to a small but established Conservative congregation. Rabbi Kronish came here later at the invitation of a handful of Jews who wanted more liberal services. Rabbi Lehrman came to a small but comfortable building, Rabbi Kronish to none. Today Rabbi Lehrman has a million-dollar edifice and Rabbi Kronish has transformed a laundry building into one of the best equipped synagogue-structures in the United States.

That gives it to you. What 10 more years will bring I can't say, but you need only to ride down Collins Avenue and see the new hotels going up to work out your own answer.

Florida Grows Flowers All Year Around, Too

Editor, National Jewish Post:

In the Oct. 27 POST there is a statement that flowers are cultivated in Israel and California all the year around while other countries have to be satisfied with hothouse flowers in the off season.

That is incorrect. The state of Florida grows flowers every day in the year and not in hothouses. I always enjoy reading The POST and like to see the truth about my state.

MRS. H. MOSKOWITZ
Lakeland, Fla.

Five NYC Schools Add Hebrew This Fall

NEW YORK—Five public schools in New York City have added Hebrew to their curriculum this fall, the Hebrew Culture Council reported this week.

That brings to 36 the total number of high schools, evening high schools and junior high schools offering classes in Hebrew. Total number of students in more than 5,700, an increase of 14 per cent over last year's registration.

RABBI SCHULTZ SAYS AJCOMMITTEE DEFINITELY IN ANTI-RED CONFERENCE

Editor, National Jewish Post:

I feel that, in all justice, there should be an immediate correction of your item on page 3 this week, entitled, "AJCommittee Uncertain Whether To Stay In Legion Anti-Red Group." This news is out-of-date. The American Jewish Committee is a full-fledged member of the All-American Conference to Combat Communism, and is in thorough accord with its aims and purposes.

The American Jewish Committee decided formally to include itself in the All-American Conference and to send a handsome donation to the Conference, at the Jewish Committee's executive meeting in Chicago two weeks ago.

The American Jewish Committee will send its delegates to a convention of the All-American Conference in Buffalo on November 18th and 19th.

In justice to our Conference, which represents 80 million Americans, and is fighting the menace of Communism, chief danger in our country today, I think you should appraise your readers of the true situation.

As a Jew, I am also interested

in not having the Jewish attitude to the Conference misrepresented, even unwittingly.

RABBI B. SCHULTZ
Member, Executive Council
All-American Conference to Combat Communism
New York

AJ Committee Has Joined Anti-Reds

Editor, National Jewish Post:

My attention has been drawn to an article appearing in the issue of October 27, 1950 titled, "AJ Committee Uncertain Whether to Stay in Legion Anti-Red Group."

I think the title is somewhat misleading, but in any event, I believe you should be told that at the Executive Committee meeting of the American Jewish Committee, held in Chicago over the week end of October 14, a resolution was adopted authorizing formal affiliation with the All-American Conference to Combat Communism.

EDWIN J. LUKAS
Director, Civil Rights Program
American Jewish Committee
New York

A LETTER WRITTEN BY EDDIE CANTOR IN 1921 AFFIRMS SUPPORT OF ZIONISM

Editor, National Jewish Post:

In further reference to Jewish stars and their reluctance to be interviewed as such, it may be of interest to your readers to learn about some correspondence I recently had with Eddie Cantor.

In 1921 I was associated with the Providence, R.I. TRIBUNE. I also did publicity for the 1921 Palestine Campaign. Eddie Cantor played Providence during that time and I invited him to appear at a mass meeting during his stay. The letter he wrote then illustrates his warm heartedness toward Judaism.

Mr. Cantor wrote on Feb. 25, 1921:

"I regret very much that I shall be unable to attend your meeting on Saturday night. Yours is a most noble work and I am in hearty accord with it. We Jews belong to the greatest race in the world, and only by helping our poor brethren across the sea can we show men of the Henry Ford type that our thoughts are not mercenary and our unselfishness and big-heartedness are traits that have made the Jewish people the wonderful people that they are. The next time I play Providence I would love to give a benefit performance, the proceeds to go to furthering our cause in Palestine,

the established Home for the Jews."

Recently I sent this original letter to Mr. Cantor and on Sept. 2 he replied as follows:

"Thank you for your letter and enclosure. I got a big bang out of reading it. The year 1921 took me back to a great many nostalgic incidents and I, for one, like to remember some of the old days. Yes, a great deal has happened since then, some good, some bad, but we still have a lot of work to do to help our people in their grand fight for decency and freedom and it is up to us here to give them all the help we can."

FRANK DUBINSKY
Hartford, Conn.

Brin Re-Named Head Of Education Board

BOSTON (WNS)—Alexander Brin, prominent Jewish leader, has been unanimously re-elected president of the Massachusetts Board of Education.

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ON THE OTHER HAND

'ISRAEL AS JEWISH AS ENGLAND IS ENGLISH'—WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

By SIDNEY WALLACH

CONSULTANT TO THE AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM

THE economic crisis in Israel is so overwhelming in its impact that it seems to throw consideration of the meaning of Zionism and of Jewish nationalism into an academic shade.

This column, however, is available to me for comment from an anti-Zionist, anti-Jewish-nationalist point of view. Whatever my personal preference for a wider range, for an opportunity to comment on various developments of Jewish interests as I see them, I am here sticking to my assignment.

The difficulty is that we are dealing with a problem that must, in the first instance, be identified and agreed upon. That, unfortunately, has not yet happened. The question of taking sides is complicated by lack of coherence as to what it is we are taking sides about. Perhaps, therefore, a useful point of departure will be to examine the Zionist shibboleth used by Dr. Chaim Weizman 30 years ago, by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver a few years ago and by lesser lights in the intervening period, and today. That shibboleth has been phrased that "Palestine (or Israel) is to be as Jewish as England is English, as France is French."

Superficially, this has a nice sound and something of glamour about it. It has become part of the rhetoric of the Zionist exposition of its case. Perhaps it would help if I examined and reflected on its meaning, naturally from my point of view.

"Israel is to be as Jewish as England is English; as France is French."

IT IS HOWEVER, characteristic of countries such as England or France or the United States, that the overwhelming majority of its nationals live within the country. Take the example of France. It is true that there are Frenchmen who reside temporarily or permanently in other parts of the world but overwhelmingly those who regard themselves as Frenchmen, reside in a country called France. How, therefore, can there be an analogy with a "Jewish state" when by the most optimistic estimates of the Zionists, it can, at best, hold a minority fraction of all of the Jews of the world, not only today but in the foreseeable future?

The inherent fallacy can perhaps become more apparent when we examine those Frenchmen who live outside their native land.

They conform to two distinct patterns. Some are, and remain, and participation in American national affairs. Is the glittering Zionist analogy to apply to Jews of this country, for example, the United States in this manner? There are Frenchmen living here as aliens and without voice and so we come to the second pat-



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tern that is applicable to Frenchmen in the United States and, by analogy, to those of the Jewish nation. A number of French nationals who live outside their motherland and who prefer to remain where they live, go through the process of a change of national status. By that procedure, they cease to be members of the French nation. If, for example, they are in the United States, they become Americans, members of the American nation. This, of course, does not mean that they need sever all emotional and sentimental attachments to the land of their origin; but it does mean that they have given due notice that they do not regard themselves as part of the French nation and that they are prepared to entrust their future to the traditional American trend. This means that while they began as Frenchmen who live in America, adopted American citizenship and became Americans of French birth, they expect to move into the status of Americans of French descent, in a process that will thin out their original identification over a period of time until this origin, to all intents and purposes, disappears and plays a negligible part in their lives. Is this, then, the alternative status that, by definition, the Zionists have in mind for Jews in the United States? By analogy are they to be Americans of Jewish descent, sympathetic to the Jewish nation but like the naturalized Englishmen or Frenchmen, gradually thinning out their original identity (in this case the Jew in them) to the point of dissipation?

THERE IS ANOTHER consideration that deserves to be held in mind. The Jewish State, Palestine or Israel, is to be "as Jewish as England is English or as France is French." But a democratic country, again we take France, for illustration, takes no particular account of the religion of its citizens. One may be a Jewish Frenchman, a Catholic Frenchman, a Protestant Frenchman or an atheist Frenchman. Again, turning to the Zionist statement, is this to be applicable to the nationals of a Jewish state? Are its nationals to be "Jewish" Jews, "Catholic" Jews, "Protestant" Jews, "Moslem" Jews, "atheist" Jews?

I do not venture to answer for the Zionists. I merely adduce these considerations to show that behind the glittering phrase, there may often be either a vacuum of thought—or, worse still, the deliberate use of a slogan, however misleading, so long as it can be made to sound appealing.

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WHY NOT SOMETHING FROM ISRAEL INSTEAD OF LIQUOR THIS SEASON?

By CARL ALPERT

HAVE you ordered those cases of liquor yet?

If you are a business man, salesman, manufacturer, distributor, or are engaged in any other occupation or profession in which you value and cultivate the friendship and goodwill of your customers, clients and associates, you may be among those who each December—in token of the "Holiday Season"—present a bottle of liquor with your best wishes to one of these. The custom has been growing in popularity, and all the better advertised and more expensive brands of Scotch, Rye and other drinks are purchased and distributed in profusion. Such presentation is today considered one of the necessities of business relationship to help maintain customer goodwill.

I have no wish to curtail either sales or profits of American liquor companies; those who are deeply steeped in the habit should continue. There may be many who feel that only a bottle of the strong stuff will serve to convey the season's greetings. For those who may be receptive to other ideas, however, I offer an alternative suggestion: This year, instead of liquor, make your gift a useful or decorative item selected from the large stock of imports from Israel. Read on, and see if you do not agree that this policy can serve your own best interests.

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THIRD, THERE is a splendid variety of such gifts available, suitable for the office or the home. To mention but a few, there are ash trays, letter openers, paper weights, cigarette boxes—and two of my favorites, a beautiful, single pipe stand and an attractive dinner bell. Practically all of these items have Israel design and motif and all are executed by master craftsmen in Israel's Shops.

Fourth, the purchase of such gifts will substantially and materially help Israel's economy. From your own internal business point of view this may not be a major consideration, but I believe that American Jewish business men are interested in helping Israel—are willing to go out of their way to help Israel—and will of a certainly take necessary steps to help Israel—if, at the same time, they are serving their own interests as well. Presentation of seasonal gifts of this kind will serve both purposes.

I refer to "seasonal gifts" and "season's greetings" deliberately, for while much of the gift giving within the Jewish community is based on the Chanukah tradition, it is no secret that many Jews make such presentations as Christmas gifts to their non-Jewish colleagues and associates. Believe me, your non-Jewish friends will be thrilled and impressed by a Yuletide gift from the Holy Land.

EACH GIFT MAY be accompanied by a brief note saying, in effect: "Season's Greetings! In token of our appreciation for your valued patronage during the year please accept this symbolic gift imported by us from Israel, the land in which my people are once again making history". The thoughtful business man may wish to vary or improve upon the wording I have suggested.

Since I have gone this far, I shall go one step further. If you are in New York you may visit the ZOA Book and Gift Shop, Room 600, 41 East 42nd Street, and see some of the gifts available for you. If you will not be in New York, drop me a card, at the same address and we shall be glad to send you an illustrated catalogue.

NOTE TO RABBIS: If you agree with the sentiments expressed above and would like to help along as well, please reprint this column or pertinent parts of it in your Temple bulletin.

L.A. FEDERATION END CONTRACT WITH RED-RUN OFFICE UNION

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles Federation of Jewish Welfare Organization has notified the Stalinist-controlled United Office Workers Union that it is ending its contract with the union.

The Los Angeles Jewish VOICE, local Anglo-Jewish weekly, reported that the Federation informed the union the contract would be terminated on Dec. 31, in accordance with contract terms.

The contract termination notice was the latest move in a long fight by Jewish organizations in Los Angeles to end contractual relations with the union, which was ousted by the CIO recently.

The Federation notified the UOPWA that it does not represent all of the Federation's employees and noted that when the contract was signed, the union was a member of the CIO but is not now.

Union representatives replied

that 80 per cent of the employees covered by the contract had affirmed their membership in the union. They charged that the contract termination was an attempt to deprive workers of the right to a union of their choice.

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Jews Have Always Excelled in Chess
But There's Hate Even in This Game

By HAROLD U. RIBALOW

DOWN through the ages Jews have frowned on physical games like boxing and wrestling and have combatted the Hellenistic emphasis on glorious feats of the body. But there was one game which Jews have always played, which they admired, about which they wrote poetry and which was exempt from edicts barring other games, by such authorities like Mainmonides. That game is chess. And it has always had an honored spot in Jewish life. The result has been that from the very out-

set, or when the Arabs took the game over from the Persians in the 7th century (the Persians probably learned the game from the people of India), Jews have been outstanding chess players.

I hope next week to do a piece on the outstanding Jewish players, from Steinitz down to Lasker and up to the current world champion Mikhail Botvinnik. This week, however, I would like to bring to the attention of the reader of this column an excellent article by Milton Hindus, a professor at Brandeis University, which deals with the subject of chess and with anti-Semitism in it. Those who play chess must know that there is an imposing chess literature. And Prof. Hindus' piece, in the autumn, 1950, "New Mexico Quarterly" is as good as the best. Prof. Hindus writes about the appeal of chess and here is a bit of what he says (the piece is too long for extensive quotation):

"AS MUCH GENIUS may go into playing the game of chess as into any of the pursuits of mankind—politics, war, art, literature, drama, music—any of them. And the pleasure which the evidence of such genius gives to me as a beholder is an ecstatic as any other. The invitations to hero-worship are no greater in any other field than in chess, for the astonishment which a heaven inspired intellect produces there makes us realize at one and the same time our own limitations and the range of possible endowments for the human mind. It makes us humble in ourselves and proud of the human race we belong to—and these are the feelings leading to identification with one of our own kind who is superior to ourselves. This we call hero-worship."

Stefan Zweig has phrased it far better in his classic story "The Royal Game":

"I was well aware from my own experience of the mysterious attraction of the royal game, this one among all games contrived by man which rises superior to the tyranny of chance and which bestows its palms only on mental attainment. . . . But is it not an offensively narrow construction to call chess a game? Is it not a science too, a technique, an art, that sways among these categories as Mahomet's coffin does between heaven and earth, at once a union of all contradictory concepts; primeval yet ever new; mechanical in operation yet effective only through the imagination; bounded in geometric space though boundless in its combinations; ever-developing yet sterile; thought that leads to nothing; mathematics that produces no results; art without works; architecture without substance, and nevertheless, as proved by evidence, more lasting in its being and presence than all books and achievements; the only game that belongs to all people and all ages and of which none knows the divinity that bestowed it on the senses, to exhilarate the spirit."

IN RESPONSE, in part, to some of Zweig's comments, Prof. Hindus replies (and I have no idea whether he intended these remarks as a reply):

"In a world where nothing is of ultimate importance, there is no room for disparaging distinctions. . . . Chess is as good and better than other things in life, 'serious' and less serious, but what if there is really nothing good in life? . . . I feel that nothing is worthwhile until someone

can figure out the problem of existence itself. . . . Till that time, leave me with my chessboard."

But I don't want to go completely off the subject of chess. Hindus, in his article, points out that anti-Semitism is excluded from the chessboard, "but the world outside the board presses in upon it and sometimes succeeds in thrusting its ugly visage into the men who play the game." In talking about the brilliant champion, Alexandre Alekhine, Hindus writes:

"Who could have suspected him of the possibility of being infected with the sub-intellectual madness of Hitlerism?" But, "Alekhine was both chess player and man." He wrote an anti-Semitic article in a chess magazine in Holland, in which he tried to prove that there was "a Jewish way of playing chess," which of course is cowardly, and an "Aryan way of playing chess, which was brave and aggressive." Prof. Hindus sadly admits that Alekhine taunted his Jewish opponents and that some of his Jewish foes replied in kind.

IN CONCLUDING his article, Prof. Hindus reveals a sad little story: that the Jewish champion Dr. Emanuel Lasker died in poverty in the United States. "I heard him lecture," he recalls, "in a small dirty hall on Second Avenue in New York to earn a little money for himself and his wife. The spectacle cost 15 cents. When he died, the N. Y. Times carried a two column obituary about him, which was the longest that I remember for a chess player."

Those who enjoy chess and like to read about it, should pick up the Hindus article. It is a memorable piece.

Non-Austerity Meals
For Israel Tourists

JERUSALEM—Tourists in Israel are now entitled to special services, including non-austerity meals at eleven hotels and two the country on payment in foreign currency.

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Uruguay, with a Jewish population of nearly 40,000, is the third largest Jewish community in Latin America.

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By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

JEWISH conditions in England are improving, Dr. S. Levenberg, the FORWARD's British correspondent, now visiting the United States, told H. Vital, in an interview. The anti-Semite, Oswald Mosely, is quiet, and respect for Israel is widespread among Englishmen.

With a Jewish population of 400,000, England has 25 Jewish members in Parliament; one of them, the president of the British Zionist Federation, having been elected from a district where only 30 Jews reside. A good impression has been made by Israeli Ambassador Eliahu Elath, who has conferred with Bevin twice and Churchill once.

Recently, six Israeli editors were in England for a month as guests of the government. In the Israel Maccabaid, 300 British Jewish athletes participated. Antisemitism might, of course, flare up again, conceded Levenberg, but at the present time, the situation in England is good.

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New Book On Dances
Wins Praise From Kaplan

Original arrangements for group dances to Jewish folk music are contained in a new book by Ruth Zahavah, of Los Angeles. "The Jewish Dance," is a collective undertaking which features the texts and translation of Jewish songs, instructions for dances, commentaries on the melodies, and beautiful artistic depictions of the themes of the songs. It is highly praised in a foreword by Dr. Mordecai Kaplan. (M. Katz, in the FREIHEIT)

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Peru Jews Battle Trade
With German Business

In faraway Peru the entire Jewish community is fighting mad about their government's resumption of trade with Germany. Besides protesting vigorously to public officials, the Peruvian kehillah has pledged itself not to handle German merchandise. With popular approval, Jewish merchants who violate kehillah discipline are blacklisted. Currently, the published black-list contains six names.

Jewish life is very active in Peru, where a Jewish day school flourishes, the Labor Zionists and the General Zionists are battling for representation at the World Zionist Congress, and where a

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Local Voting In Israel
Held Very Significant

The decision of the Israeli Knesset—before the current Cabinet crisis was ended—to put off national elections to February had been hitched to the fact that many Israeli will be voting soon.

In 40 communities, local elections will take place this month. This balloting will give the parties an idea in which direction the wind is blowing and may strongly determine the make-up of the next Cabinet.

A significant feature of the local elections, in which all Israel who have been in the land for six months will be eligible to vote, is the tip-off that the so-called Religious Bloc is itself not very firm. The bloc consists of four groups: Mizrahi, Agudas Israel, Mizrahi Hapoel and Agudat Hapoel.

The latter two comprise the labor elements among the Orthodox adherents; they are much more amenable to a coalition with David Ben-Gurion and the Mapai.

In the municipal voting each of these four groups is putting up its own slate. Should the Orthodox laborites win a larger vote than their parent bodies, it would mean that Ben-Gurion could count on more cooperation from a religious bloc more liberal than the one with which he is not at odds. From all indications, then, the 40 November elections are of crucial importance in Israel's political future. (Gershon Swett, the FORWARD).

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War Dept. Neutral About
Rabbis Sects In Korea

The War Department is "neutral," observes L. S. Beeley, in the AMERICAN, as he lists the three Jewish chaplains in Korea: Meyer Goldman, a graduate of the Isaac Elchanan Yeshiva (Orthodox); Oscar M. Lifshitz, of the Jewish Theological Seminary (Conservative); and Joseph B. Messing, of the Jewish Institute of Religion (Reform). (Editor's Note: there are more Jewish chaplains in Korea now).

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MONTREAL—The emigration of a Federal civil service engineer through the Professional Department of Hachalutz will make a total of 12 Canadians to have gone to live in Israel this year. Zvi Ofer, head of the Canadian Section of Hechalutz, made the announcement this week, adding that he had applications from 25 other men and women.

In November the new chalutz (pioneer), who has worked on an irrigation project in Saskatchewan since his graduation from McGill University 18 months ago, will sail for Israel. Mischa Chieftetz is a son of a Labor Zionist official in Montreal and brother of a recent arrival at Kibbutz Geva in the Galilee. He is to work on swamp drainage or irrigation for the Israeli government.

Another Canadian engineer who left this fall is now employed by the Haifa harbor.

"We may manage to line up a job for someone who wants to practice his profession in Israel before he leaves Canada," Ofer explained. "Occasionally we have a specific request from an Israeli employer. Even without that, we know what fields in Israel need people most and we can supply contracts."

A doctor and several teachers, social workers and nurses besides other engineers, make up the "professional chalutz" group. Nurses are the most urgently needed and the government of Israel pays their fare, Ofer said.

El Al Opens Flights
To South Africa

TEL AVIV—El Al, Israel's national airlines, has just opened its service to a third continent with its first scheduled flight to Johannesburg. The African "Universal" airlines, which previously flew the route, is being taken over by El Al, and its five Dakotas and one flying boat will be added to EL AL's equipment.

Routes to Istanbul and Athens will be open in a few days, while the regular New York run will start in Spring when two new Constellations are delivered.

B'nai B'rith Leader Quits, Charging Council Dominates Lodge

Danville Official Sends Protest To BB President Frank Goldman

DANVILLE, Va.—A leading Danville Ben B'rith was persuaded last week to withdraw his resignation from the Danville B'nai B'rith lodge, a step he had taken in protest against alleged domination of the lodge by local members of the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism.

Dr. Samuel Newman preceded his resignation with a letter to Frank Goldman, president of B'nai B'rith.

"Because of the influence of the ideology of the American Council for Judaism in the Lodge, it is prevented from initiating certain activities which are within the scope of B'nai B'rith," Dr. Newman, who was the first president of the Lodge, wrote Goldman.

V-P HELPED

"The Council influence was inadvertently strengthened by a recent visit to the Lodge by the vice-president of the District Grand Lodge," Dr. Newman told the B'nai B'rith president.

Dr. Newman said that when Abe Schewel of Lynchburg, Va., the vice president, was asked "Are the activities of B'nai B'rith based on the concept that Jews constitute a religio-ethnic-cultural group or solely a religious denomination," Schewel refused to answer. Schewel has since been named president of the district grand lodge.

Dr. Newman also told Goldman that a proposal for cultural meetings with the local Zionist organization was "nullified" by a statement from Schewel that "it was against the constitution of the Order for a lodge to hold joint meetings with another organization."

EVEN FOR HITLER

The Danville B'nai B'rith leader said that it was "painful to record that during the years that millions of Jews were being gassed and cremated in Hitler's death traps the presentation of the cause of Palestine before the lodge encountered hostility."

"He charged that 'recently, the presentation of the cause of Israel evoked insults.'"

He said that as a supporter of Israel, he found it "difficult to retain membership in a Lodge where the ideology of the American Council for Judaism finds vigorous expression."

NO PLACE FOR IT

Dr. Newman said that as an American he conceded and would fight for the right of anyone to

promote the anti-Zionist fight of the Council. He added, however, that "the persistent exposition of the ideology of the Council in B'nai B'rith which includes a 'Program for Israel' is as incongruous as the persistent exposition of atheism in a church or communism in a post of the American Legion."

The B'nai B'rith official concluded his letter with the comment that "at a time when B'nai B'rith is seeking extension as a factor in the dynamic and creative Jewish life in America it would seem inappropriate to tolerate an influence in the Danville lodge which is antithetical to the philosophy and program of B'nai B'rith."

WIDESPREAD INFLUENCE

Asked just how strong the Council was in the Danville lodge, Dr. Newman replied that Jewish communities in Virginia were generally "very much under the influence of the Council."

He said the Danville lodge had no more than one or two members who were members of the Council but that "their influence is tremendous because they reflect the views and opinions of a few very wealthy Jews who for decades have kept the Jewish community in spiritual bondage, comparable to the situation in San Francisco."

As an example of pro-Zionist activity listed by Dr. Newman was a proposed joint meeting of the local Zionist organization with the lodge for the purpose of planning joint cultural activities.

JUST A FRONT

"This proposal was defeated on the assumption that it was against the constitution of B'nai B'rith to hold such joint meetings," he said, but insisted that "the spirit prevailing in the Lodge prevents any pro-Israel activity."

He said the purpose of the letter to Goldman was to start an investigation into conditions in the Lodge "so that the Council influence may be counteracted."

He agreed there was nothing in B'nai B'rith by laws to bar Council members.

"It is not my contention that a

Council member cannot be a member of a B'nai B'rith Lodge, but it is my contention that a Council member cannot use the B'nai B'rith Lodge as a place for the propagation of Council philosophy."

GOLDMAN SILENT

He said that Goldman had not replied to his letter of protest. He admitted that "no investigation, no matter how honestly carried out, will reveal actual or positive proof. Every contention of mine may be explained away by various stratagems."

"Yet every student of Jewish life can readily perceive the influence of the destructive philosophy or absence of philosophy of the American Council for Judaism in this section of the country," he added.

Protest German Raids On Munich Jews

MUNICH—(WNS)—A protest against discrimination and raids by German police and customs officials in the Jewish quarter here has been lodged by over 500 Jewish businessmen.

Maurice Weinberger, president of the Jewish Businessmen's Association, compared the methods of the German police to those employed by Gestapo troopers during the Nazi reign. He charged police with confiscating goods on which customs duty had been paid.

At the same time it was disclosed that 75 businesses had been closed and 16 car loads of goods seized by German authorities. A telegram of protest was sent to American High Commissioner, John J. McCloy.

Israel Envoy Hails Peron For Tolerance

BUENOS AIRES (WNS)—President Juan Peron was lauded here this week by Israel Minister Yacov Tsur, for his fight against racial intolerance in Argentina and his sympathetic attitude towards Israel.

Addressing a reception in his honor by the Committee to Plant a San Martin Forest in Israel, Tsur pointed out that Argentina was the first South American nation to establish a legation in Israel. He praised Mrs. Peron for her work as president of a social foundation which sends clothes to Israeli children.

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25,000 JEWISH DP's DUE IN U.S. BY DEC. 1, ROSENWALD REPORTS

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CLEVELAND—An estimated 20,000 to 25,000 Jewish survivors are expected to enter the United States under the amended Displaced Persons Act before the end of 1951, it was reported last week.

William Rosenwald, honorary president of United Service for New Americans, made the report to a USNA regional conference here. The USNA is one of the three constituent agencies of the United Jewish Appeal. Its task is to handle resettlement of Jewish refugees coming to the United States.

Rosenwald said that the additional newcomers will raise to 425,000 the number of Jewish refugees finding homes in America since 1933.

He said that the last Jewish survivor eligible under the DP Act will reach the United States Oct. 31, 1951 and that after that date, immigration will revert to the already heavily-mortgaged quota system.

"The quotas of some countries will not open up again during our lifetime," the USNA leader said.

Rosenwald also disclosed that there has been a 40 per cent increase in job placements for Jew-

ish newcomers from May to August of this year.

Many communities had reported a major problem had developed from difficulties, particularly with Jewish employers, in finding jobs for the new immigrants.

Repairs Being Rushed On Jaffa Housing

JAFFA (ISA)—Seventy engineers are working with special crews to rush through repairs of defective houses in Jaffa before the heavy rains set in. The project, which will cost approximately 160,000 pounds, is being expedited by the government, while one-third of the cost will be borne by the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Municipality and the other two-thirds by the Custodian of Enemy Property.

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